

REMARKS

On page 3 of the Action, claims 9-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In this respect, claims 9 and 20 have been amended.

On page 3 of the Action, claims 1, 8 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cunningham. On page 4 of the Action, claims 1, 8, 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP '743, and claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cunningham in view of JP '743. On page 5 of the Action, claims 2-7 and 23-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the rejections and indication of allowance, claims 2, 23, 28 and 31 have been amended to independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, claims 2, 23, 28, 31 and their dependent claims are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features, so that claim 1 is allowable, as well, as explained below:

Claim 1, now amended, comprises, in part, an airbag provided inside the seat body for receiving a child upon inflation thereof, and an inflating device communicating with the airbag for inflating the airbag, said inflating device being attached to the seat body at an outside thereof so that when the inflating device is actuated, the airbag is inflated to protect the child.

In Cunningham, the airbags 9, 10 are formed at the car seat to be inflated inside the car seat. The airbags 9, 10 are connected to the connector 4 for inflating the same. However, the connector 4 in Cunningham simply extends outside the child seat.

In claim 1, it is defined that the inflating device is attached to the seat body at an outside thereof. In Cunningham, the connector 4 extends from the airbags 9, 10, and is connected to

the inflator. In Cunningham, the inflator is not shown, and is not explained that it is attached to the seat body. Thus, the feature of claim 1 is not disclosed in Cunningham. Claim 1 now amended is not anticipated by Cunningham.

In JP '743, air retaining chambers 7 are formed inside a child seat 1. The air retaining chambers 7 are connected together by a hose 17, and an air supply device A is attached to one of the air retaining chamber 7. Therefore, in JP '743, the inflating device is not attached to the seat body at an outside thereof, as now recited in claim 1. Claim 1 is not anticipated by JP '743.

In regard to the rejection for claim 22, Cunningham and JP '743 do not have the air supply device attached to the outside of the seat, as recited in claim 1. Also, such attachment is not suggested in Cunningham nor JP '743. Therefore, claim 22 depending from claim 1 is not obvious from Cunningham and JP '743.

In regard to claim 9, which was only rejected by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claim 9 has been amended to eliminate the child from the subject of the claim and in independent form. Therefore, claim 9 is allowable as well.

Incidentally, in the claims, for example, claim 2, the term "gas" is used. In this respect, as is known, the "gas" includes "air".

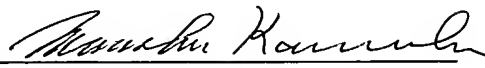
It is believed that claims pending in the application are allowable over the cited references.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If any further amendment is required, please contact the undersigned agent.

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